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**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Monday, September 18, 2017  
7:00pm  
Council Chambers, Third Floor  
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon, Richard Clark and Jason Seacat

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez and Town Engineer David Smith

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of minutes of August 21, 2017.**

Richard Clark motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Jason Seacat seconded and the minutes were approved with one abstention.

**B. Communications Received**

- Discussion regarding the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. (CACIWC) 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference that is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017 with a request to inform Town Planner if any commission members are interested in attending prior to deadline of October 1, 2017.

**C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- None

**D. Organizational considerations**

- None

**3. Open Space Program Update**

Ann Letendre presented on behalf of the Open Space Task Force

- Discussion regarding the Petrin property located at the top of Box Mountain that consists of 112 acres, about 62 acres located in Vernon.
- Request was made to commission to consider joining the Open Space Task Force with Conservation Commission

James Simon motioned that a discussion will ensue regarding absorbing the current Open Space Task Force and combining the agenda with Conservation Commission. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **A. Application Review and Comments**

**Application [IWC-2017-05] of the Town of Vernon for a Modification of a Wetlands Redesignation and a Wetlands Permit for Development Plans for #133 Tunnel Road (Assessors ID Map #19, Block#144, Lot/Parcel #01)**

- The application was reviewed and discussed. Town Engineer David Smith was present for discussion.

James Simon motioned that a summary of comments and considerations discussed will be drafted by Chairman Ryan Goad to the Inland Wetlands Commission. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Natural Resources Update**

###### **Bolton Lakes Issues**

- Discussion regarding scheduled treatments for invasive species

###### **Future Activities**

- The Friends of Bolton Lake will be holding the annual Bolton Lakes Watershed Community Forum at Newhoca Lodge on October 19, 2017 at 7pm.
- The DEEP Riffle Bioassessment is scheduled for October 14, 2017

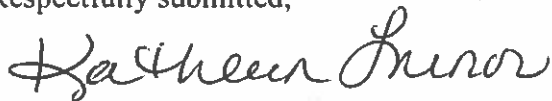
#### **5. Other Goals**

- There is a need for more commission members.
- Discussion ensued regarding educational initiatives to spread awareness of commission

#### **6. Adjournment**

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary